

PARKS, RECREATION AND CEMETERIES COMMISSION MINUTES
APRIL 2, 2015 – REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRPERSON BEBEE

Chairperson Bebee called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Bebee, Kelsey, Kwas, Lee, Thorburn, Turner, Wilson

Absent: None

Staff: Marcus Kirkpatrick

Guests: Dick Benkert

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 5, 2015

The minutes were approved as presented.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Paul Kelsey and Al Wilson were re-appointed to the Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries Commission. Commissioner Kelsey has been sworn in. Commissioner Wilson will be sworn in at a later date.

The Commission held its annual elections. **Motion** by Bebee, second by Kelsey to approve Daren Bebee at Chair, Paul Kelsey as Vice-Chair, and Barb Thorburn as Secretary. Motion carried.

4. SPECIAL EVENTS

A. Mother Son Dance – The dance was held on Wednesday, March 18. There were 177 participants, which is up from last year's number of 151.

B. Meet & Greet with the Easter Bunny - The event was held at the Enrichment Center on Tuesday, March 31. There were approximately 100 people in attendance. The children had a chance to visit with the Easter Bunny, pose for pictures, and decorate an Easter egg ornament.

5. STAFF REPORTS

A. Senior Coordinator – Tammy Opdyke

- ☐ The Golf Organizational meeting was held on March 31st, with 28 people.
- ☐ Health Care Clinics included Blood Sugar, Chair Massage, and Foot Care. A total of 26 people attended.
- ☐ This month's guest speaker was Cara Diaz from Independence Village and StoryPoint Living in Grand Ledge. Cara's presentation was on Long Term Care Options. There were 29 people in attendance.
- ☐ The Enrichment Center staff participated in the Delta Side Business Expo.

B. Aquatics Coordinator – Dave Hill

- ☐ Youth & Adult Swim classes began on March 24. The session currently has 92 children, 8 adults, and 2 private lessons booked for this eight week session.
- ☐ 1,142 people participated in the water aerobics program during the month of March.
- ☐ There were 5 pool rentals during the month of March.

C. Recreation Specialist – Jen Daly

- ☐ Youth Spring Soccer registrations have soared past last year. There were 584 participants in 2014 and there are currently 626 for this year. The coaches meeting was held on March 19.
- ☐ The Early-Bird Softball registration proved to be a success. There were 42 teams registered in the two week period. Registration continues until April 17th.

D. Recreation Programmer – Kathy Sobczyk

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- ☐ Work on the Summer Magazine has begun.
- ☐ The DJ and Clowns have been booked for the Firework event.
- ☐ The next Blood Drive has been scheduled for Thursday, April 30th.
- E. Recreation Coordinator – Barbara Sherbo Kellogg
 - ☐ Class registration is underway for the Spring Session. Classes start the week of April 13.
 - ☐ Contracts with entertainers are being finalized for Delta Rocks!.
 - ☐ Our first Show & Tell Nature Walk will be held at Grand Woods Park on April 26th, at 2pm.
- F. Parks Supervisor Report –Pat Schieding
 - ☐ Staff has been opening all bathrooms in the parks and preparing all fields for soccer, baseball, and softball.
 - ☐ Staff will be leading the landscaping around the new sculpture, located at the Administration Building.
- G. Director's Report
 - ☐ The department submitted 4 grants to the DNR. Grants include a pathway connecting Hunter's Orchard & Delta Mills Parks, development of the Mount Hope Park, a Canoe Launch on Willow Hwy, and a restroom building at Hawk Meadow Park.
 - ☐ Brian Reed has been selected as the new Township Manager.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Cemetery Rules & Regulations – **Motion** by Wilson, second by Thorburn to approve the new Cemetery Rules & Regulations. Motion carried.
- B. Vendor Approval – **Motion** by Kelsey, second by Lee to authorize an exception of vending license requirements for J&M Concessions to participate at Delta Rocks! on June 27, and the Fireworks Event on July 3. Motion carried.
- C. Fireworks 2015 – A meeting was held with Roger Bonney from the Night Magic Displays. There are changes recommended for the 2015 show, which will include more fireworks at the maximum height allowed. Commissioners asked that Fire Department be consulted if the height was to exceed past shows. **Motion** by Wilson, second by Lee to approve the contract with Night Magic Displays for the Fireworks event on July 3. Motion carried.

7. Public Comment

Former Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries Director, Dick Benkert was introduced to the Commissioners. Benkert thanked the Commission for the tree donation in memory of his wife.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Wilson, support by Kelsey to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A Thorburn

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Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries Commission